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B1. TOBACCO CONSUMPTION

Prevalence of tobacco use

Smoking prevalence in the adult population (all)

(Please provide prevalence data for total adult population, and identify the age considered, e.g. 15 years old and over, 18-64 years; see B112)

Current smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)	Average number of the most-consumed smoking tobacco product used per day
MALE	47	
FEMALE	14.3	
TOTAL (males and females)	30.8	

Daily smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)	Average number of the most-consumed smoking tobacco product used per day
MALE	27.1	7.2
FEMALE	6	5.6
TOTAL (males and females)	16.6	6.9

Occasional smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALE	19.9
FEMALE	8.3
TOTAL (males and females)	14.1

Former smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALE	27.1
FEMALE	19.3
TOTAL (males and females)	23.2

Never smokers

Prevalence (%)
(please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)

MALE	25.9
FEMALE	66.4
TOTAL (males and females)	46

Please indicate the smoking tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B11:

Cigarettes, locally grown loose tobacco (RYO)

Please indicate the age range to which the data used to answer question B11 refer:

	From	To
Age range	25	64

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B11:

2011

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B11:

Fiji STEPS Survey

Please provide the definitions of “current smoker”, “daily smoker”, “occasional smoker”, “former smoker” and “never smoker” used in this report.

Current smoker	those who currently smoke any tobacco products
Daily smoker	those who currently smoke tobacco products daily
Occasional smoker	those who currently smoke tobacco products but not daily
Former smoker	those who smoked but quit more than 12 months ago
Never smoker	those who never smoked

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in smoking prevalence in the adult population in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

The most recent STEPS is from 2011; next STEPS planned for 2021.

Smoking prevalence in the adult population (by age groups)

(If data are available, please provide prevalence data by age group, and identify the age group considered, preferably by 10-year categories, e.g. 25-34, 35-44 years)

	Range - start age	Range - end age	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALES - current smokers ¹	25	34	51
MALES - current smokers ¹	35	44	48
MALES - current smokers ¹	45	54	48
MALES - current smokers ¹	55	64	36
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	25	34	19
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	35	44	16
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	45	54	11
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	55	64	8
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	25	34	35
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	35	44	32
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	45	54	30
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	55	64	22

Please indicate the smoking tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B12:

Cigarettes, locally grown tobacco (RYO)

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B12:

2011

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B12:

Fiji NCD STEPS

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in current smoking prevalence by age group in the past two years or since submission of your last report, if data are available.

no trend available in the past two years

Prevalence of smokeless tobacco use in the adult population (all)

(Please provide prevalence data for total adult population, and identify the age considered in B132, e.g. 15 years old and over, 18–64 years; see B132)

Males

Prevalence (%)

(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

Females

Prevalence (%)

(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

TOTAL (males and females)

Prevalence (%)

(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

Please indicate the smokeless tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B13:

Please indicate the age range to which the data used to answer question B13 refer:

From To

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B13:

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B13:

Please provide the definitions of “current user”, “daily user”, “occasional user”, “former user” and “never user” (of smokeless tobacco products) used in this report in the space below.

Current user
 Daily user
 Occasional user
 Former user
 Never user

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in smokeless tobacco use in the adult population in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Smokeless tobacco was not captured in the 2011 Fiji NCD STEPS Survey; smokeless (chewing) tobacco is illegal to sell/import in/into Fiji.

Prevalence of smokeless tobacco use in the adult population (current users) by age group (by age groups)

(If data are available, please provide prevalence data by age group, and identify the age group considered, preferably by 10-year categories, e.g. 25-34, 35-44 years)

Range - start age	Range - end age	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
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Please indicate the smokeless tobacco products included in the answer to question B14:

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B14:

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B14:

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in current use of smokeless tobacco by adult age groups in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Tobacco use by ethnic group(s)

(please include all smoking or smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

	Ethnic group(s)	MALES - Prevalence (%)	FEMALES - Prevalence (%)	TOTAL (males and females) - Prevalence (%)
Current users ³	iTaukei	51.7	22.9	37.6
Current users ³	Indo-Fijian	39.7	2.1	20.3

Please indicate the tobacco products included in the answer to question B15:

Cigarettes and locally grown tobacco (RYO)

Please indicate the age range to which the data used to answer question B15 refer:

	From	To
Age range	25	64

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B15:

2011

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B15:

Fiji NCD STEPS Survey

Tobacco use by young persons

(please include all smoking or smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

	Age range	SMOKING TOBACCO - Prevalence (%)	SMOKELESS TOBACCO - Prevalence (%)	WATER PIPE - Prevalence (%)
BOYS - Current users ⁴	13-15	9.6		
GIRLS - Current users ⁴	13-15	5.5		
TOTAL (boys and girls) - Current users ⁴	13-15	7.6		

Please indicate the tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B16:

Cigarettes, locally grown tobacco (RYO)

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B16:

2016

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B16:

Fiji Global Youth Tobacco Survey

Please provide the definition of "current smoking/tobacco use" used to answer question B16 in the space below.

Used tobacco/smoked tobacco anytime during the past 30 days

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in tobacco use by young persons in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

No statistically significant change between 2009 and 2016.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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Use of novel and emerging tobacco and nicotine products

	Age range	Heated tobacco products (HTPs) - Prevalence (%)	Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) - Prevalence (%)	Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS) - Prevalence (%)	Other products - Prevalence (%)
YOUNG PERSONS - Boys	13-15		15.3		
YOUNG PERSONS - Girls	13-15		8.5		
YOUNG PERSONS - Total (boys and girls)	13-15		11.9		

B2-B9. HEALTH, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Exposure to tobacco smoke

Do you have any data on exposure to tobacco smoke in your population?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below (e.g. exposure by gender, at home, in the workplace, on public transport).

Exposure to second-hand smoke at home and work was reported by 60.2% (95% CI, 52.9-67.6) and 47.6% (95% CI, 38.6-56.6) respondents respectively. More respondents were exposed in their homes than in the workplaces. However this difference was not significant. In regards to gender, 62.2% (85% CI, 54.3-70.1) of women and 58.5% (95% CI, 50.5-66.4) of men were exposed to smoking at home. At the workplace, more men 53.6% (95% CI, 44.1-63.1) reported exposure to second-hand smoke as compare to women 39.7% (95% CI, 30.0-49.3) women [Table 13]).

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B21:

2011

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B21:

NCD Steps Risk Factor Survey 2011

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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Tobacco-related mortality

Do you have information on tobacco-related mortality in your population?

No ✘

If available, please provide any additional information on mortality attributable to tobacco use (e.g. lung cancer, cardiovascular diseases) in your jurisdiction.

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B32 and 33:

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions B32 and B33:

Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

Tobacco-related costs

Do you have information on the economic burden of tobacco use in your population, e.g. the overall cost of tobacco use imposed on your society?

No ✘

Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

Supply of tobacco and tobacco products

(with reference to Articles 6.2(b), 20.4(c), and 15.5)

Licit supply of tobacco products

	Product	Unit (e.g. pieces, tonnes)	Domestic production	Retail sales	Exports	Imports
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes	pieces	243594256			
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarette	pieces	56379800			
Smoking tobacco products	cigarette	50 x 10 x 20gross				32,500
Smoking tobacco products	cigarette	10 pack per gross		17,980		
Smoking tobacco products	cigarette	packet		8222		

Please provide information on the volumes of duty-free sales (e.g. product, unit, quantity), if available.

Central Manufacturing Company (Also known as British American Tobacco) :- 977,000 sticks, 80, 150 packets

Victoria Wines (Importer, Distributor for ship stores, duty free):- Imported 32, 500 Gross (50 x 10 packets per gross x 20 sticks per packet Gross);

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B51 and 52:

2020

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions B51 and B52:
Quarterly Report from Manufacturer and Importer. (1st January to 31st March 2020)

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Seizures of illicit tobacco products

(with reference to Article 15.5)

Seizures of illicit tobacco

	Year	Product	Unit (e.g. pieces, tonnes)	Quantity seized
Smoking tobacco products	2018	E-cigarette	pieces	27
Smoking tobacco products	2018	E-liquid	bottles	45
Smokeless tobacco products	2019	Chewing Tobacco	kilograms	10.76

Do you have any information on the percentage of illicit tobacco products on the national tobacco market?

No ✘

Please provide any further information on illicit tobacco products.

E-cigarettes seized in one of our Illicit Importation cases currently before the Court. The advert was found by one of the tobacco control officers posted on Facebook. The accused imported the tobacco products into Fiji without an import license. Quantity are as follows:

Year: 2018-

E-liquid: Vanilla: 4; Passion Fruit : 3; Coffee: 4; Strawberry: 1; Blueberry:5; Cherry: 3; Tobacco:3;

Watermelon:4; Orange: 6; Mint: 4; Banana: 3; Menthol: 5

Tank Automizer: 2

Vape Pen: 1 Mouthpiece, 1 eating chamber, 1 rechargeable Battery, 1 USB charger cable

E-cigarette: 8 in Blue color, 7 in grey and 12 in black.

Chewing tobacco seized by the Fiji Revenue & Customs Services at the second largest Port in Fiji: 10.76 kg.

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions in section B6:

For illicit tobacco and tobacco products to be disposed of, the government entity formally requests the Ministry of Health & Medical Services for a Destruction Permit. the destruction is supervised by an Environmental Health Officer to ensure that it is disposed of in an environmental friendly manner.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Tobacco-growing

Is there any tobacco-growing in your jurisdiction?

Yes ✓

Please provide information on the number of workers involved in tobacco-growing. If available, please provide this figure broken down by gender.

About 350–400 farmers grow tobacco in Fiji, the majority of whom are contracted by BAT. There is also a segment of growers that supply suki tobacco (locally grown).

Please provide, if available, the share of the value of tobacco leaf production in the national gross domestic product.

Suki is untaxed.

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer questions in section B7:

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions in section B7:

2011; Needs Assessment Report, Fiji.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Taxation of tobacco products

(with reference to Articles 6.2(a) and 6.3)

What proportion of the retail price of the most popular price category of tobacco product consists of taxes (e.g. sum of excise, sales and import duties (if applicable) and value added tax/goods and services tax (VAT/GST))?

42.1

How are the excise taxes levied (what types of taxes are levied)?

- Specific tax only
Ad valorem tax only
- Combination of specific and ad valorem taxes Yes
- More complex structure (please explain below)

If available, please provide details on the rates of taxation for tobacco products at all levels of Government and be as specific as possible (specify the type of tax, e.g. VAT, sales, import duties)

	Product	Type of tax	Rate or amount	Base of tax⁵
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes (93% local and 7% imported leaf)	specific excise	FJD 240.04	1000 cigarettes
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes (100% local leaf)	specific excise	FJD231.92	1000 cigarettes
Smoking tobacco products	All cigarettes	VAT	9%	incl excise

Please briefly describe the trends in taxation for tobacco products in the past two years or since submission of your last report in your jurisdiction.

Annual excise tax increase since 2012 through (including) 2018-19 FY only. NO increase in 2019-2020.

Do you earmark any percentage of your taxation income for funding any national plan or strategy on tobacco control in your jurisdiction?

No ✘

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer questions B81 to B86:

2018

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions B81 to B86:

GTCR

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Price of tobacco products

(with reference to Articles 6.2(a))

Domestic

Please provide the retail prices of the three most widely sold brands of domestic tobacco products at the most widely used point of sale in your capital city.

	Name of the most widely sold brands	Number of units or amount per package	Retail price	Currency
Smoking tobacco products	Benson and Hedges	10	7.90	FJD
Smoking tobacco products	Pall Mall	10	7.50	FJD
Smoking tobacco products	Benson Hedges	20	15.80	FJD
Other tobacco products	Suki	10 grams	5	FJD

Imported

Please provide the retail prices of the three most widely sold brands of imported tobacco products at the most widely used point of sale in your capital city.

	Name of the most widely sold brands	Number of units or amount per package	Retail price	Currency
Smoking tobacco products	Marlboro	20	17.30	FJD
Smoking tobacco products	Shuangxi	20	28.68	FJD
Smoking tobacco products	GD Blue	20	6.15	FJD

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B91:

2020

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B91:

Manufacturer (BAT) and Importer (Victoria Wines & Tapoo)

Please briefly describe the trend in the prices of tobacco products in the past two years or since submission of your last report in your jurisdiction.

The price of tobacco products in Fiji has increased despite no tax increase.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

C1. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

With reference to Article 5

Have you developed and implemented comprehensive multisectoral national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes in accordance with the Convention?

Yes ✓

Have you established or reinforced and financed:

a focal point for tobacco control?	Yes
a tobacco control unit?	Yes
a national coordinating mechanism for tobacco control?	No

Please provide details (e.g. the nature of the national coordinating mechanism, the institution to which the focal point for tobacco control or the tobacco control unit belongs).

Fiji has developed a Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Prevention and Control Strategic Plan for the years 2015-19, tobacco control being one of its components. There is a yearly operational plan for the Tobacco Control Unit. (Note new NCD Strategy 2020-2025 is under development.)

The Ministry of Health set up the Tobacco Control Enforcement Unit in 2004 to serve as the Government's focal point on tobacco control issues. The core business of the Unit is the enforcement of tobacco control laws and regulations. The Unit has offices in three of the four administrative divisions and maintains working arrangements with most stakeholders involved in tobacco control.

The Unit currently has 5 staff who planning and performing tobacco control activities as well as all enforcement-related activities mandated by the tobacco control regulations in force. The Unit operates through annual operational plans, based on the tobacco components of the NCD Strategic Plan.

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 5.1 and 5.2 (*General obligations*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

No changes in the past 2 years; however, ENDS regulated in 2014. In 2019, the Tobacco Control Decree became the Tobacco Control Act.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Protection of public health policies with respect to tobacco control from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

protecting public health policies with respect to tobacco control from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry?

No ✘

ensuring that the public has access, in accordance with Article 12(c), to a wide range of information on tobacco industry activities relevant to the objectives of the Convention, such as in a public repository?

No ✘

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 5.3 in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✔

Please provide details in the space below or refer to section I of the additional questionnaire.

Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire

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A Cabinet submission is currently drafted within the MOHMS to raise awareness about Article 5.3 and TII among Parliamentarians.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

In principle the officers of the Tobacco Control Unit are very much aware on their allegiance and commitment in regards to upholding the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Treaty.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

C2. MEASURES RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF DEMAND FOR TOBACCO

With reference to Articles 6–14

Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

tax policies and, where appropriate, price policies on tobacco products so as to contribute to the health objectives aimed at reducing tobacco consumption?

Yes ✓

prohibiting or restricting, as appropriate, sales to international travellers of tax- and duty-free tobacco products?

Yes ✓

prohibiting or restricting, as appropriate, imports by international travellers of tax- and duty-free tobacco products?

Yes ✓

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 6 (*Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Fiji increased taxes annually from 2012 to FY2018-19; no inc in FY2019-20. In FY2016 VAT decreased from 15% to 9%. in 2018, FY became Aug to July.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 6 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C215 please provide details in the space below or refer to section H of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rinh2mgpyd859wn&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rinh2mgpyd859wn&lang=en>)

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

There is a limit of tobacco products that can be introduced tax-free into the country by returning travellers: 200 pieces of cigarettes and 200 grams of cut tobacco. There is a limit on the purchase of tobacco products on all international travellers to 200 sticks.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

banning tobacco smoking in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places ?

Yes ✓

What is the type/nature of the measure providing for the ban?

national law	Yes
subnational law(s)	No
administrative and executive orders	Yes
voluntary agreements	No
other measures (please specify in C223 below)	No

Please provide a brief explanation of the type/nature and content of the measures providing for the ban.

The leading regulation in tobacco control is the Tobacco Control Decree 2010, which applies to the whole country.

The community initiative “Tobacco-Free Villages” ensures that some communities (villages) go beyond the scope of the national regulation, including the requirements of the 2010 Decree. The first Tobacco-Free Village in Fiji, Nabila, received the WHO World No Tobacco Day Award in 2006. Since then, four other villages have decided to become smoke-free. Villagers do not smoke anywhere in the village, including their homes; they are also required not to smoke outside the village. 3 Towns and Cities have also been declared Tobacco Free namely Suva City, Lautoka City, Nadi Town.

Do any of these measures provide for a mechanism/ infrastructure for enforcement?

Yes ✓

Please provide details of this system.

Initial experiences with the enforcement of the 2010 Decree are positive, but there are also challenges. In outdoor areas, such as municipal markets and sports stadiums, signboards have been set up and regular checks are planned for the future. Enforcement is difficult in smaller islands and in remote areas that seem to be out of reach of the authorized officers, who, in line with requirements of section 27.–(1) of the Decree, carry out inspections and investigations and take enforcement actions against persons found to have violated any provision of the Decree. The Tobacco Control Enforcement Unit works with the police force and provincial officers based in rural areas and aims to undertake training to boost already existing capacities, for example enabling health inspectors working in these areas to become “authorized officers”.

Please specify the settings and extent/comprehensiveness of measures applied in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places.

Indoor workplaces:

government buildings	Partial
health-care facilities	Complete
educational facilities ⁶	Complete
universities	Partial
private workplaces	Partial
other (please specify below)	Complete

Please provide a brief explanation of any "other" policies in the space below

Please specify the settings and extent/comprehensiveness of measures applied in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places.

Public transport:

airplanes	Complete
trains	None
ferries	Complete
ground public transport (buses, trolleybuses, trams)	Complete
motor vehicles used as places of work (taxis, ambulances, delivery vehicles)	Complete
private vehicles	None
other (please specify below)	

Please specify the settings and extent/comprehensiveness of measures applied in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places.

Indoor public places:

cultural facilities	Complete
shopping malls	Complete
pubs and bars	Partial
nightclubs	Partial
restaurants	Complete
other (please specify below)	

Please provide a brief summary of complete and partial measures, with specific details of the partial measures that have been implemented:

Banning tobacco smoking in indoor workplaces

Loophole for designated places although outdoor

Banning tobacco smoking in public transport

there is a complete ban on smoking in public transport (means a motor vehicle licensed under Part 6 of the Land Transport act 1998 for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire or reward) under Part 5 Section 19 (1)(d) of the Tobacco Control Act 63/2010.

Banning tobacco smoking in indoor public places

Banning tobacco smoking in indoor public places. The list of indoor public places are as follows:

1. amusement centres, theater or sports stand or stadium;
2. hospital or clinic
3. lifts;
4. public service vehicle
5. airport terminal building except in duty free outlets or designated smoking areas;
6. prescribed smoke free building;
7. eating houses
8. bus stations except for a designated smoking area
9. internet shops
10. any water transport including ships, ferries or any other means of transport passengers by sea or river
11. any other public place that the public has access as the Minister may designate by way of a gazette.

This is listed in the Tobacco Control Act 2010 Part 5 Section 19(1).

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 8 (*Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Implementing the tobacco free initiative in workplaces, villages and community halls. In 2019, new tobacco free settings declares are as follows:- one hospital (Korovou Sub Divisional Hospital) &, 12 community halls and three schools.

Revitalization and replacement of tobacco free boards at 5 health facilities and 1 community hall. this year we have opted to celebrate the World No Tobacco Day 2020 at one of our remotest island since we have social gathering restrictions due to COVID 19.

Have you utilized the "Guidelines for implementation of Article 8 of the WHO FCTC" when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered "Yes" to question C229 please provide details in the space below or refer to section B of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rinh2mgpyd859wn&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rinh2mgpyd859wn&lang=en>)

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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Regulation of the contents of tobacco products

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

testing and measuring the contents of tobacco products?

No ✘

testing and measuring the emissions of tobacco products?

No ✘

regulating the contents of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

regulating the emissions of tobacco products?

No ✘

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 9 (*Regulation of the contents of tobacco products*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Put limits on tobacco contents of CO, nicotine and tar

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C236 please provide details in the space below or refer to section C of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rinh2mgpyd859wn&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rinh2mgpyd859wn&lang=en>)

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below (e.g., whether your country 1) has incorporated product regulation in the national tobacco control legislation; 2) has access to either governmental or independent – not owned or controlled by the tobacco industry – laboratories for testing contents and/or emissions of tobacco products; 3) has regulated ingredients, such as flavours (e.g. menthol); 4) has regulated product characteristics, such as design features (e.g., cigarette ventilation); etc.).

1. No
2. No access to lab that is either governmental or independent. We have labs but they do not have the required equipment to conduct the tests according to WHO SOP.
3. No we do not have any legal provision for regulated product characteristics.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Regulation of tobacco product disclosures

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

requiring manufacturers or importers of tobacco products to disclose to Government authorities information about the:

contents of tobacco products?	Yes
emissions of tobacco products?	No

requiring public disclosure of information about the:

contents of tobacco products?	Yes
emissions of tobacco products?	No

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 10 (*Regulation of tobacco product disclosures*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

A statement of the level of tar and nicotine must be published on each cigarette pack in line with section 10.–(1) of the 2010 Decree. (although we are trying to repeal this to align with the FCTC).

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C244 please provide details in the space below or refer to section C of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rinh2mgpyd859wn&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rinh2mgpyd859wn&lang=en>)

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below (e.g. whether your country has incorporated tobacco product disclosures in the national tobacco control legislation; has regulated the public disclosure of toxic constituents and emissions of tobacco products, aiming to raise public awareness and advance tobacco control policy; etc.).

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Packaging and labelling of tobacco products

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

requiring that packaging, individual cigarettes or other tobacco products do not carry advertising or promotion?

Yes ✓

requiring that packaging and labelling do not promote a product by any means that are false, misleading, deceptive or likely to create an erroneous impression about its characteristics, health effects, hazards or emissions?

Yes ✓

requiring that each unit packet and package of tobacco products and any outside packaging and labelling of such products carry health warnings describing the harmful effects of tobacco use?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings are approved by the competent national authority?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings are rotated?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings are clear, visible and legible?

Yes ✓

Does your law mandate, as a minimum, a style, size and colour of font to render the warning clear, visible and legible?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings occupy no less than 30% of the principal display areas?

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings occupy 50% or more of the principal display areas?

Yes ✓

ensuring that health warnings are in the form of, or include, pictures or pictograms?

Yes ✓

Does the Government own the copyright to these pictures and pictograms?

No ✗

Would you grant a non-exclusive and royalty-free licence for the use of health warnings developed in your jurisdiction with other Parties?

No ✗

requiring that each unit packet and package of tobacco products and any outside packaging and labelling of such products contain information on relevant:

constituents of tobacco products? Yes

emissions of tobacco products?

requiring that the warnings and other textual information appear on each unit packet and package and on any outside packaging and labelling in the principal language or languages of the country?

Yes ✓

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 11 (*Packaging and labelling of tobacco products*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

No updates since the 2012 regulations put in place GHWs with pictorial and local language text

Have you utilized the "Guidelines for implementation of Article 11 of the WHO FCTC" when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered "Yes" to question C2516 please provide details in the space below or refer to section D of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rinh2mgpyd859wn&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rinh2mgpyd859wn&lang=en>)

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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Education, communication, training and public awareness

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

educational and public awareness programmes? (*Please refer to programmes implemented since submission of your two-year report.*)

Yes ✓

To whom are these programmes targeted?

- adults or the general public
 - children and young people
 - men
 - women
 - pregnant women
 - ethnic groups
 - other (please specify)
 - Other
-

Do you reflect the following key differences among targeted population groups in educational and public awareness programmes?

- age
 - gender
 - educational background
 - cultural background
 - socioeconomic status
 - other (please specify)
 - Other
-

Do these educational and public awareness programmes cover:

- health risks of tobacco consumption?
 - health risks of exposure to tobacco smoke?
 - benefits of the cessation of tobacco use and tobacco-free lifestyles?
 - adverse economic consequences of tobacco production?
 - adverse economic consequences of tobacco consumption?
 - adverse environmental consequences of tobacco production?
 - adverse environmental consequences of tobacco consumption?
-

awareness and participation of the following agencies and organizations in development and implementation of intersectoral programmes and strategies for tobacco control:

- public agencies?
 - nongovernmental organizations not affiliated with the tobacco industry?
 - private organizations?
 - other (please specify)?
 - Other
-

Are the elaboration, management and implementation of communication, education, training and public awareness programmes guided by research and do they undergo pre-testing, monitoring and evaluation?

Yes ✓

Are appropriate and special training or sensitization and awareness programmes on tobacco control addressed to:

- health workers?
- community workers?
- social workers?
- media professionals?
- educators?
- decision-makers?
- administrators?
- other (please specify)

Fiji Police Force and other
Border Control &
Enforcement agencies

Other

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 12 (*Education, communication, training and public awareness*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Tobacco control is part of the Health Promoting Schools programme and TCEU staff carry out awareness in schools. MOHMS trained the Fiji Cancer Society which now includes question on tobacco use and provides advice to quit. Several mass media campaigns such as no smoking in workplaces (market and public services vehicles); reveal the truth about the dangers of tobacco; and quit, breathe, live.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 12 of the WHO FCTC” when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C269 please provide details in the space below or refer to section E of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rinh2mgpyd859wn&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rinh2mgpyd859wn&lang=en>)

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

**National
Consultation on
Elimination of
Illicit Trade of
Tobacco PProducts
in Fiji conducted in
July 2018.
Participants
included Fiji
Revenue &
Customs
Organization, Fiji
Police Force, Fiji
Post Office,
Ministry of Health,
WHO Flji, Oceania
Customs
Organizations,
New Zealand
Police, Australian
Federal Police,
United Nation
Congress on Trade
& Development
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Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, any legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes:

instituting a comprehensive ban on all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?

Yes ✓

Does your ban cover:

- display and visibility of tobacco products at points of sales?
- the domestic Internet?
- the global Internet?
- brand stretching and/or brand sharing?
- product placement as a means of advertising or promotion?
- the depiction of tobacco or tobacco use in entertainment media products?
- tobacco sponsorship of international events or activities and/or participants therein?
- contributions from tobacco companies to any other entity for “socially responsible causes” and/or any other activities implemented under the umbrella of “corporate social responsibility” by the tobacco industry?
- cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from your territory?
- the same forms of cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship entering your territory for which domestic regulation apply?

cooperating with other Parties in the development of technologies and other means necessary to facilitate the elimination of cross-border advertising?

Yes ✓

imposing penalties for cross-border advertising equal to those applicable to domestic advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from your territory in accordance with national law?

Yes ✓

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 13 (*Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Refer Tobacco Control Act Part 2-Prohibition on Advertising and Promotion of Tobacco Products.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 13 of the WHO FCTC” when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C2715 please provide details in the space below or refer to section F of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rinh2mgpyd859wn&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rinh2mgpyd859wn&lang=en>)

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

developing and disseminating appropriate, comprehensive and integrated guidelines based on scientific evidence and best practices?

No ✘

programmes to promote cessation of tobacco use, including:

- media campaigns emphasizing the importance of quitting?
programmes specially designed for underage girls and young women?
 - programmes specially designed for women?
 - programmes specially designed for pregnant women?
telephone quitlines?
 - local events, such as activities related to World No Tobacco Day or National No Smoking Day, if appropriate?
other (please specify)?
Other
-

design and implementation of programmes aimed at promoting the cessation of tobacco use, in such locations as:

- educational institutions?
 - health-care facilities?
 - workplaces?
sporting environments?
other (please specify)?
Other
-

inclusion of diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence and counselling services for cessation of tobacco use in national programmes, plans and strategies for:

- tobacco control?
 - health?
 - education?
-

inclusion of programmes on the diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence in your health-care system?

Yes ✓

Which structures in your health-care system provide programmes for the diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence?

- primary health care
- secondary and tertiary health care
- specialist health-care systems (please specify below)
- specialized centres for cessation counselling and treatment of tobacco dependence
- rehabilitation centres
- Other

Are the services provided in these settings covered by public funding or reimbursement schemes?

primary health care	Partially
secondary and tertiary health care	Partially
specialist health-care systems (please specify below)	None
specialized centres for cessation counselling and treatment of tobacco dependence	Partially
rehabilitation centres	None
other (please specify below)	

Which health and other professionals are involved in programmes offering treatment for tobacco dependence and counselling services?

Health professionals including:

- physicians
- dentists
- family doctors
- practitioners of traditional medicine
- other medical professionals (please specify below)
- nurses
- midwives
- pharmacists
- Community workers
- Social workers
- other (please specify)
- Other

training on tobacco dependence treatment incorporated into the curricula of health professional training at pre- and post-qualification levels at the following schools:

- medical?
- dental?
- nursing?
- pharmacy?
- Other

facilitating accessibility and/or affordability of pharmaceutical products for the treatment of tobacco dependence?

No ✘

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 14 (*Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

In 2020, the MOHMS will be developing national tobacco cessation guidelines and SOPs.

Have you utilized the "Guidelines for implementation of Article 14 of the WHO FCTC" when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✔

Please provide details in the space below or refer to section G of the additional questionnaire.

Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**.

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C3. MEASURES RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF THE SUPPLY OF TOBACCO

With reference to Articles 15–17

Illicit trade in tobacco products

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

requiring marking of all unit packets and packages of tobacco products and any outside packaging of such products to assist in determining the origin of the product?

No ✘

requiring marking of all unit packets and packages of tobacco products and any outside packaging of such products to assist in determining whether the product is legally sold on the domestic market?

Yes ✔

requiring that unit packets and packages of tobacco products for retail and wholesale use that are sold on the domestic market carry the statement: "Sales only allowed in ..." or carry any other effective marking indicating the final destination of the product?

No ✘

developing a practical tracking and tracing regime that would further secure the distribution system and assist in the investigation of illicit trade?

Yes ✔

requiring that marking is presented in legible form and/or appears in the principal language or languages of the country?

Yes ✔

requiring the monitoring and collection of data on cross-border trade in tobacco products, including illicit trade?

No ✘

facilitating the exchange of this information among customs, tax and other authorities, as appropriate, and in accordance with national law and applicable bilateral and multilateral agreements?

Yes ✔

enacting or strengthening legislation, with appropriate penalties and remedies, against illicit trade in tobacco products, including counterfeit and contraband cigarettes?

Yes ✔

requiring that confiscated manufacturing equipment, counterfeit and contraband cigarettes and other tobacco products derived from illicit trade are destroyed, using environment-friendly methods where possible, or disposed of in accordance with national law?

No ✘

adopting and implementing measures to monitor, document and control the storage and distribution of tobacco products held or moving under suspension of taxes or duties?

Yes ✓

enabling the confiscation of proceeds derived from illicit trade in tobacco products?

Yes ✓

promoting cooperation between national agencies and relevant regional and international intergovernmental organizations in investigations, prosecutions and proceedings, with a view to eliminating illicit trade in tobacco products, with special emphasis on cooperation at regional and subregional levels?

Yes ✓

licensing or other actions to control or regulate production and distribution in order to prevent illicit trade?

Yes ✓

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 15 (*Illicit trade in tobacco products*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

In October 2018 Fiji participated in a subregional workshop on implementing the Protocol along with other PICs using the ASYCUDA platform. IN July 2019, Fiji held a national tobacco control enforcement for the prevention of illicit trade of tobacco workshop which engaged Health, Customs, Post, and Police.

Ever since then, we have a more coordinated approach in tobacco control and enforcement in our borders especially in Air and sea ports.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Measures to prevent illicit trade in tobacco products have also been identified. All individual passengers arriving in Fiji are issued with arrival cards by pilots of aircraft or airline agents and masters of vessels or their shipping agents. Individual passengers should complete a form on arrival and declare any goods that exceed the prescribed personal allowance. (See the section on Article 6 of this report.)

In addition to the control of goods imported by arriving passengers, there is a system of notification covering any means of transport or cargo arriving in Fiji. Customs officers ensure that the above-mentioned provisions of the Customs Act are efficiently administered, while risk management and profiling have greatly assisted customs in identifying illegal activities and enhancing the facilitation of trade. The Fiji Revenue and Customs Service (FRCS) analyses information contained in advance notifications and acts as necessary, including searching vessels and imposing fines if there is proof beyond doubt that provisions of the customs legislation have been contravened.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Sales to and by minors

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

prohibiting the sales of tobacco products to minors?

Yes ✓

Please specify the legal age:

18

requiring that all sellers of tobacco products place a clear and prominent indicator inside their point of sale about the prohibition of tobacco sales to minors?

Yes ✓

requiring that, in case of doubt, each seller of tobacco products requests that the purchaser provides appropriate evidence of having reached full legal age?

Yes ✓

banning the sale of tobacco products in any manner by which they are directly accessible, such as open store shelves?

Yes ✓

prohibiting the manufacture and sale of sweets, snacks, toys or any other objects in the form of tobacco products which appeal to minors?

Yes ✓

prohibiting the sale of tobacco products from vending machines?

Yes ✓

prohibiting and/or promoting the prohibition of the distribution of free tobacco products:

- to the public?
 - to minors?
-

prohibiting the sale of cigarettes individually or in small packets?

Yes ✓

providing for penalties against sellers and distributors in order to ensure compliance?

Yes ✓

prohibiting the sales of tobacco products by minors?

Yes ✓

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 16 (*Sales to and by minors*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Tobacco Control Act 2010: Part 5-Restrictions on Sale and Smoking of Tobacco Products; 13 (1)(a) A person must not-sell or supply any tobacco product to a person under the age of 18 years; (b) purchase a tobacco product for the use of a person under the age of 18 years.(2) A person retailing in tobacco products must- (a) place a clear and prominent notice inside the retail outlet, notifying on prohibition of sale tobacco products to any person under 18 years old and (b) prior to selling a tobacco product to any person suspected to be under the age of 18 years, must request for a document of identification.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

The TCA 2010 also states the prohibition of the sale of cigarettes in a pack. Part 5 (15)(1)(a)(b) states that a person must not sell cigarettes in a package containing less than 10 cigarettes; or portions of the product. A person found to be contravening subsection (1) commits an offence and shall be liable to a fixed penalty in schedule 7.(16)(1)(a)(b) states that a person must not sell or cause or permit to be sold loose cigarette sticks or cigarette roll or loose tobacco in a package that contains less than twenty (20) grams of tobacco.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, measures or programmes on any of the following:

promoting economically viable and sustainable alternatives for:

tobacco growers?	No
tobacco workers?	No
tobacco individual sellers?	No

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 17 (*Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

No progress has been made in implementing Article 17.

Have you utilized the “Policy options and recommendations on economically sustainable alternatives to tobacco growing (in relation to Articles 17 and 18 of the WHO FCTC)” when developing and implementing policies in this area?

No

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

No other information.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

C4. OTHER MEASURES AND POLICIES

With reference to Articles 18–21

Protection of the environment and the health of persons

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

implementing measures in respect of tobacco cultivation within your territory, which take into consideration:

the protection of the environment?	No
the health of persons in relation to the environment?	No

implementing measures in respect of tobacco manufacturing within your territory, which take into consideration:

the protection of the environment?	No
the health of persons in relation to the environment?	No

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 18 (*Protection of the environment and the health of persons*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

No progress has been made in implementing Article 18.

Have you utilized the “Policy options and recommendations on economically sustainable alternatives to tobacco growing (in relation to Articles 17 and 18 of the WHO FCTC)” when developing and implementing policies in this area?

No

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Liability

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

Does your tobacco control legislation contain measures regarding criminal liability for any violations of that tobacco control legislation?

No

Do you have separate criminal liability provisions in relation to tobacco control (outside of the tobacco control legislation)?

No

Do you have any civil liability measures that are specific to tobacco control?

No

Do you have any general civil liability provisions that could apply to tobacco control?

No

Do you have civil or criminal liability provisions that provide for compensation for adverse health effects and/or for reimbursement of medical, social or other relevant costs?

No

Has any person in your jurisdiction launched any criminal and/or civil liability action, including compensation where appropriate, against any tobacco company in relation to any adverse health effect caused by tobacco use?

No

Have you taken, as appropriate, any legislative, executive, administrative and/or other action against the tobacco industry for full or partial reimbursement of medical, social and other relevant costs related to tobacco use in your jurisdiction?

No

Please provide a brief description of any progress made, as appropriate, in implementing Article 19 (*Liability*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

No progress has been made.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Research, surveillance and exchange of information

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

developing and/or promoting research that addresses:

- determinants of tobacco consumption?
 - consequences of tobacco consumption?
 - social and economic indicators related to tobacco consumption?
 - tobacco use among women, with special regard to pregnant women?
 - the determinants and consequences of exposure to tobacco smoke?
 - identification of effective programmes for the treatment of tobacco dependence?
 - identification of alternative livelihoods?
- Other
-

training and support for all persons engaged in tobacco control activities, including research, implementation and evaluation?

Yes ✓

a national system for epidemiological surveillance of:

- patterns of tobacco consumption?
- determinants of tobacco consumption?
consequences of tobacco consumption?
- social, economic and health indicators related to tobacco consumption?
- exposure to tobacco smoke?
- Other

Please list all surveys, including the year of the survey, that you have undertaken in the past.

Study about opinions about GHWs conducted in 2017; focus groups to develop awareness campaigns in 2017 and 2018; study on nicotine in ambient air in Suva conducted in 2019; study on public opinion of compliance with national tobacco free settings and tobacco advertisement, promotion and sponsorship in 2019-2020.

Does your country have any plans to repeat any of the above or to undertake a new tobacco survey within three to five years of your last survey? Please provide details in the space below.

Fiji NCD STEPS survey planned for 2021.

regional and global exchange of publicly available national:

- scientific, technical, socioeconomic, commercial and legal information?
information on the practices of the tobacco industry?
information on the cultivation of tobacco?

an updated database of:

- laws and regulations on tobacco control?
- information about the enforcement of laws on tobacco control?
pertinent jurisprudence?

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 20 (*Research, surveillance and exchange of information*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Progress made are as listed in the aforementioned questions.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below (e.g. whether you included information on WHO FCTC implementation in your Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), related to target 3.a).

Please attach the relevant documentation.

D. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

Pursuant to Article 21.1(c) and in accordance with Article 26, have you either provided or received financial or technical assistance (be it through unilateral, bilateral, regional, subregional or other multilateral channels, including relevant regional and international intergovernmental or nongovernmental organizations and financial and development institutions) for the development and strengthening of multisectoral, comprehensive tobacco control programmes of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in any of the following areas:

development, transfer and acquisition of technology, knowledge, skills, capacity and expertise related to tobacco control?

Assistance provided	No
Assistance received	Yes

provision of technical, scientific, legal and other expertise to establish and strengthen national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes?

Assistance provided	Yes
Assistance received	Yes

appropriate training or sensitization programmes for appropriate personnel in accordance with Article 12?

Assistance provided No
Assistance received Yes

provision of the necessary material, equipment and supplies, as well as logistic support, for tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes?

Assistance provided No
Assistance received Yes

identification of methods for tobacco control, including comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction?

Assistance provided No
Assistance received Yes

promotion of research to increase the affordability of comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction?

Assistance provided No
Assistance received No

Please identify the Party or Parties from which assistance was received or to which assistance was provided.

WHO Division of Pacific Technical Support in Fiji

Please provide information about any assistance provided or received in the space below, including any support received from nongovernmental organizations (please, specify).

Fiji MOHMS has hosted Solomon Islands in 2016 and Samoa in 2019 on study tours on tobacco control enforcement

If you have not received or provided assistance in any of the aforementioned areas, please identify any financial or technical assistance that may be under consideration, if appropriate.

None.

Have you encouraged relevant regional and international intergovernmental organizations and financial and development institutions in which you are represented to provide financial assistance for developing country Parties and for Parties with economies in transition to assist them in meeting their obligations under the Convention?

No ✘

E. PRIORITIES AND COMMENTS

What are the priorities for implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in your jurisdiction?

Fiji intends to fully implement Article 8 (eliminating existing legislative loopholes), strengthen Article 11 alignment (aiming for standardized packaging), and Article 13 (to include additional advertising, promotion and sponsorship measures) through amendments to the Tobacco Control Act 2010 and its Regulations.

Have you identified any specific gaps between the resources available and the needs assessed for implementing the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below.

Since Fiji is a FCTC 2030 country; an investment case/assessment will be a core action. There is a gap in awareness among Parliamentarians on the detriments of tobacco industry interference.

What, if any, are the constraints or barriers, other than lack of resources, you have encountered in implementing the Convention?

tobacco industry interference

Do you have any of the following products available on your national tobacco market?

- smokeless tobacco products
- water pipe tobacco
- Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
- Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS)
- heated tobacco products (HTPs)
- Other

Have you adopted and implemented any policy or regulation that is specific to the following tobacco products?

- smokeless tobacco products
 - water pipe tobacco
 - Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
 - Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS)
 - heated tobacco products (HTPs)
 - Other
-

If you have any relevant information related to questions E5 and E6, please provide details in the space below.

Note that only tank ENDS/ENNDS available and retailers were selling 0% to 5% nicotine liquids; the one retailer has since closed since they were subject to import licensing requirements according to the 2014 amendment to the Tobacco Control Regulations. Note that sisha sold in Fiji retail does not contain nicotine; samples were tested by WHO TobLabNet in Singapore in 2019.

Please provide any other relevant information not covered elsewhere that you consider important.

Your suggestions for further development and revision of the reporting instrument:

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