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General

	MALES	FEMALES	YEAR
Total population under 15	130,414	124,774	2017
Total population over 15	334,275	325,840	2017

** ALL DATA FROM CIA, 2017*

Health

Maternal mortality rate per 100,000 live birth	30	2015	CIA, 2017 est.
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	9.7	2016	CIA, 2017 est.
Under-five mortality rate for males per 1,000 live births	24.3	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Under-five mortality rate for females per 1,000 live births	20.3	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Births attended by a skilled health professional	99	2014	WHO, 2016
Prevalence of HIV among adults aged 15–49	No Data	2015	WHO, 2017
Life expectancy for men	70	2016	CIA, 2017 est.
Life expectancy for women	75.5	2016	CIA, 2017 est.

Education

	MALES	FEMALES	YEAR
Youth literacy rate, ages 15-24	No Data	No Data	
Adult literacy rate, ages 15+	No Data	No Data	
Net enrolment rate in primary education	97.3%	98.01%	2015
Gross enrolment ratio in secondary education	84.25%	93.37%	2012
Gross enrolment ratio in tertiary education	No Data	No Data	

** ALL DATA FROM UNESCO INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS, 2017*

- Female graduates from tertiary education: Insufficient data
- Female students in engineering, construction and manufacturing tertiary education programs: Insufficient data
- Female teachers in primary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 59.5%
- Female teachers in secondary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 57.5%
- Female teachers in tertiary education: N/A

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Economic Activity

- Males over 15 who are active in the labour force (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 71.4%
- Females over 15 who are active in the labour force (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 37.1%
- Proportion of adults (15 years and older) with an account at a bank or other financial institution, or with a money mobile service provider: Insufficient data

Decision-Making

- Proportion of seats held by women in National Parliament (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 16

Human Rights

- Girls married before 15 (UNICEF, 2016): Insufficient data
- Females married between 15 and 19 (World Economic Forum, 2013): Insufficient data
- Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime (UN Women, 2016): 64%
- Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner or a non-partner during the last 12 months (UN Women, 2016): 24%

Gender and Development Trends in Fiji

Health

In the five years between 2008 and 2012, there were 61 pregnancy-related deaths reported to the Fijian Obstetrics and Gynaecology Clinical Service Network (OGCSN) Chair. Of these, 28 were classified as direct maternal deaths, nine as indirect and 24 as coincidental, giving an overall maternal mortality rate of 36.8 per 100000 live births (Fiji Ministry of Health and Medical Services, 2016).

Education

Gender parity in Fiji is almost even out at the primary level but is in favour of girls at the secondary level, with a 1.2 result for net enrolment (UNESCO, 2015).

The same report notes that gender equality in enrolment and completion rates does not translate to economic opportunities for women. Gender equality and non-discrimination policies and awareness campaigns are suggested as steps towards realising positive changes at all levels of society (UNESCO, 2015, p. 48).

Economy

Gender gaps in labour force participation in Fiji are significant: most men aged 15 and above (81%) are employed or actively looking for work, while less than half of women (46%) are (Asian Development Bank, 2016). 57% of employed men and 64% of women hold informal-

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sector jobs, such as subsistence farmers, sugar cane growers, and house cleaners (Asian Development Bank, 2016).

Governance

One in seven Fijian MPs are women and the Parliament now has its first female Speaker (Pacific Women in Politics, n.d.).

Cultural beliefs in Fiji have restricted participation of most indigenous women in political life (U.S. Department of State, 2016).

Human Rights

A recent study conducted by the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre (2013) shows that 64 percent of Fijian women are subject to domestic violence in their lifetime. This percentage increases to 72 percent of all forms of domestic violence are included – physical, sexual and emotional abuse.

In 2011, 15 local communities in Fiji formally declared zero tolerance for domestic violence in their communities. This was supported at the national level by legislative frameworks and in particular Fiji's Family Law Act and Crimes Decree (Statement by the Honourable Minister for Social Welfare, Women, and Poverty Alleviation, 2012, p. 2).

Fiji SDG Progress Profile

- Fiji was not included in the 2016 SDG Index and Dashboards due to insufficient data. According to a 2016 report (Bertelsmann Stiftung, 2016), the data from Fiji was missing 27% of the values needed to be ranked, and therefore was not included in any indicator data (Annex 2, p. 39).

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