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# FYWF – Gender Responsive Budgeting Workshop

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The Fiji Young Women's Forum (FYWF) builds on the intergenerational The Fiji Women's Forum, which was first convened in 2012, as well as the rich tradition of activism and feminism by Fijian women throughout our national herstory. The mission of FYWF is to increase and progress young women's political leadership in an effective, meaningful and inclusive participation in Fiji's communities, legislative bodies and national process. FYWF is built on the guiding principles of mutual respect, active participation, transparency and good governance, accountability, gender sensitivity, respect and appreciation for human rights and diversity.

FYWF has successfully convened three national forums with a combined total of over 100 young diverse women. These young women actively participated in the lead up to Fiji's 2014 national elections in their local communities. These included nationwide distribution and awareness of the My Guide to Voting (young women's voter guide) and the forum declaration to political parties and other stakeholders. Following the first national forum (November 2013), FYWF noted the importance of State obligation and accountability to translate gender equality, transparency and human rights into legislation, policy and budget allocations. This process is critical for young women to be able to not only understand their needs reflected in the policies but at the same time the State is fulfilling its responsibilities.

In June, 2017, femLINKpacific supported the communications at FYWF's Gender Responsive Budgeting workshop as a co-convenor of the forum.



## Press Releases

### **Gender Responsive Budgeting will support more young women to engage in national budget cycle**

*13<sup>th</sup> June*

A three day workshop focusing on enhancing the participation of diverse young women to engage in national development planning and budgetary processes gets underway tomorrow (14 to 16 June).

The 'Gender Responsive Budget Capacity Enhancing Workshop' is convened by the Fiji Young Women's Forum, funded by the United Kingdom's Magna Carta Fund (MCF) for Human Rights and Democracy.

FYWF – <https://www.facebook.com/notes/fiji-young-womens-forum/gender-responsive-budgeting-will-support-more-young-women-to-engage-in-national-/464067383930457/> (<https://www.facebook.com/notes/fiji-young-womens-forum/gender-responsive-budgeting-will-support-more-young-women-to-engage-in-national-/464067383930457/>)

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### **Gender Responsive Budgeting – Adding Value and Amplifying Voice of Diverse Young Women**

*20<sup>th</sup> June*

Last Friday, the Fiji Young Women's Forum (FYWF) concluded its 3 day 'Gender Responsive Budget (GRB) Capacity Enhancing Workshop'.

The closing featured several productions coordinated by co-convenor femLINKpacific in collaboration – documenting the priority concerns of the group of diverse young women.

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## Feature Stories

### **FemTALK: We Don't Need a Budget For Women, We Need a Budget With Women**

*by Alisia Evans*

“The gender budget is not a separate budget for women - it's about showing how women are affected in the government budget,” explained Maraia Tabunakawai, Team Leader - Intergenerational Women's in Leadership of the Fiji Women's Rights Movement.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-we-dont-need-a-budget-for-women-we-need-a-budget-with-women/10155488600739295/> (<https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-we-dont-need-a-budget-for-women-we-need-a-budget-with-women/10155488600739295/>)

### **FemTALK: National Budgets Must Leave No One Behind – Especially Young Women**

*by Sulueti Waqa and Sian Rolls*

“With regards to economic security, one thing I've noticed that most of the members in my community are involve in very low income earning employment,” shared Bonita Qio of Pacific Rainbows Advocacy Network. “I feel that measures need to be made in order to lift the level of their economic security. What I want in the National Budget is (an) increase the minimum wages to \$4 an hour because I find 50% working women are earning approximately \$80 to \$90 per week.”

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-national-budgets-must-leave-no-one-behind-especially-young-women/10155505945944295/> (<https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-national-budgets-must-leave-no-one-behind-especially-young-women/10155505945944295/>)

### **FemTALK: Diverse Needs, One Budget**

*by Hannah Hicks*

“There is 1 (suicide) attempt every 36 hours in Fiji, and basically (what we need) is (to be) talking to (people) about having positive coping mechanisms,” explained Regina Rakacikaci of Youth Champs 4 Mental Health.

Read more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-diverse-needs-one-budget/10155509102079295/> (<https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-diverse-needs-one-budget/10155509102079295/>)

## Multimedia Content

## **FYWF – Photo Album**

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## **femLINKpacific – Radio With Pictures in the Field**

Episode One on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=naMYP\\_fBr6E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=naMYP_fBr6E) ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=naMYP\\_fBr6E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=naMYP_fBr6E))

Episode One on Soundcloud: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/radio-with-pictures-in-the-field-jun-17-fywf-special-part-1> (<https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/radio-with-pictures-in-the-field-jun-17-fywf-special-part-1>)

Episode Two on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdGXxFizTIs> (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdGXxFizTIs>)

Episode Two on Soundcloud: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/radio-with-pictures-in-the-field-jun-17-fywf-special-part-2> (<https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/radio-with-pictures-in-the-field-jun-17-fywf-special-part-2>)

## **Where do you see yourself in the National Budget?**

[https://youtu.be/N1\\_584Yzxgo](https://youtu.be/N1_584Yzxgo) ([https://youtu.be/N1\\_584Yzxgo](https://youtu.be/N1_584Yzxgo))

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