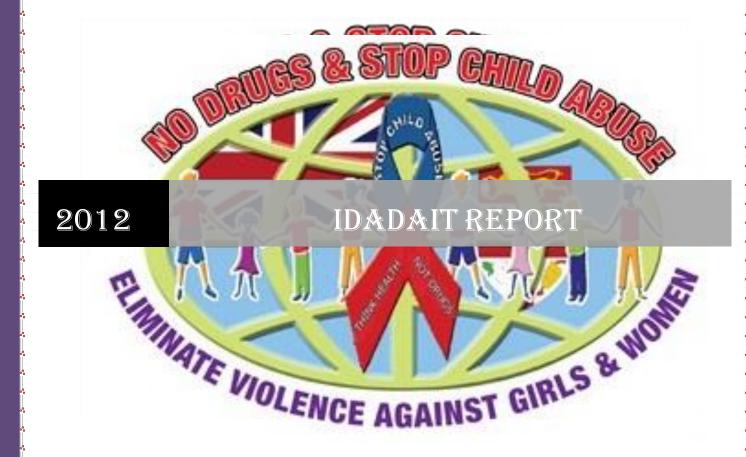




MINISTRY OF EDUCATION



NATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY COUNCIL

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLLICIT TRAFFICKING (IDADAIT)

This report serves to fully inform the Ministry of Education, Head Teachers and School Principals on the school responses based on the 2012 International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which was held from June 25 – June 29, 2012. Schools were informed of the campaign via NSAAC Circular 1/12 dated 22nd March 2012 and the Education Gazette Term One 2012. The 2012 local theme was

- English version: <u>KEEP ME SAFE FROM ABUSE TO SHINE = THE BEST</u>.
- 48 I Taukei version: NA KA TALEI DUADUA= MEU TAQOMAKI, MEU CINA SERAU.
- Hindi version: ATTYACHAR SE MUJE MUKT RAKHIYE SURAKSHIT RAHEKAR SALAMAAT JIWAN PAAY.

A total of three hundred and sixty four (364) schools from the nine (9) Education Districts have had their responses analyzed. A total of two hundred and fifty seven (257) primary schools responded and one hundred and seven (107) secondary schools.

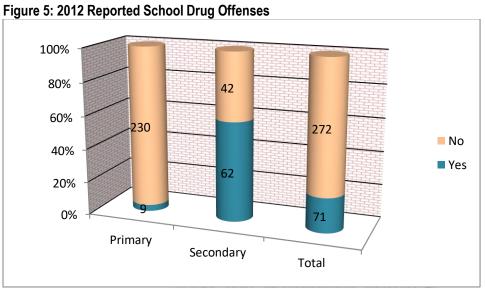
There was various in school activities conducted during the IDADAIT commemoration week. These involved NSAAC conducting Quick Response Presentations to schools and communities as far as Navosa Central College to Vatulele Island and in the Central Division. The Ministry of Health, Fiji Police Force, Fiji Women Crisis Center and the Fiji Human Rights Commission also delivered presentations to various schools around the country that they were invited to.

The schools that did send in their Evaluation Forms on time should be applauded, in addition the level of participation from schools should be highly praised which are evident in the responses received. The support of teachers and parents alike is commended towards motivating and inspiring students on the NO Drugs Stop Child Abuse campaign and Elimination of all forms of Violence Against Women.

The evaluation by the schools on the 2012 World No Drugs Day (IDADAIT) Campaign is contained in the following.



Students of Namataku District School during the IDADAIT Celebration at the Navosa Central College



NOTE: A total 272 schools (230 primary and 42 secondary) reported there was no drug offenses incurred since the beginning of 2012, this is an increase from 249 schools reported in the 2011 IDADAIT Report.

On the other hand a total 71 schools (9 primary and 62 secondary) had reported incidences of drug offenses

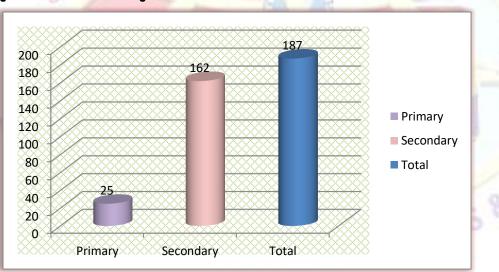


Figure 6: Total School Drug Cases

NOTE: A total 187 drug cases was recorded (25 Primary and 162 Secondary) since the beginning of 2012 this is a 61% decrease from the 307 cases reported in the 2011 IDADAIT Report. However while there has been a marked decrease in drugs cases in the Secondary division (57%) there has been an increase (19%) in drug cases in the Primary division, with one primary school alone recording 15 cases of smoking from the beginning of this year alone.

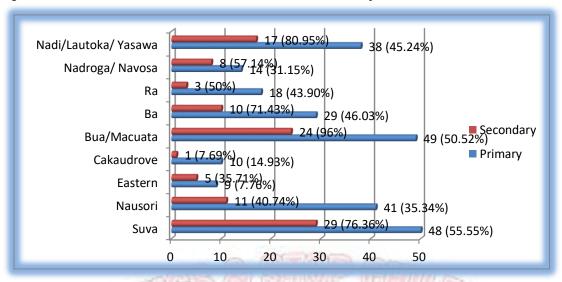


Figure 7: Number of Schools that Celebrated the 2012 IDADAIT by Education Districts

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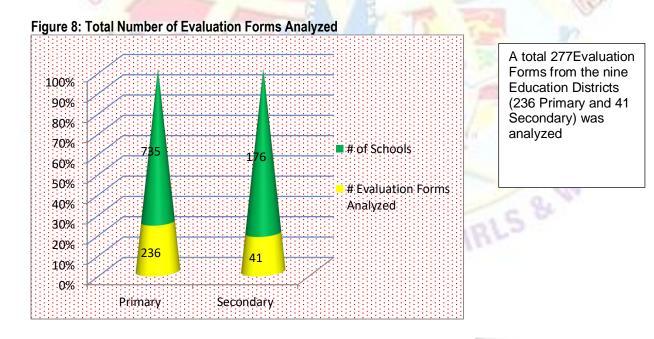
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NOTE: The graph shows the number of schools that submitted their Reports and Evaluation Forms on their 2012 IDADAIT celebration. A total 364 schools (257 Primary and 107 Secondary) have had their Evaluation Forms and Reports Analyzed. The percentage is the ratio between the reports/ evaluation forms received by the total number of schools per Education District.



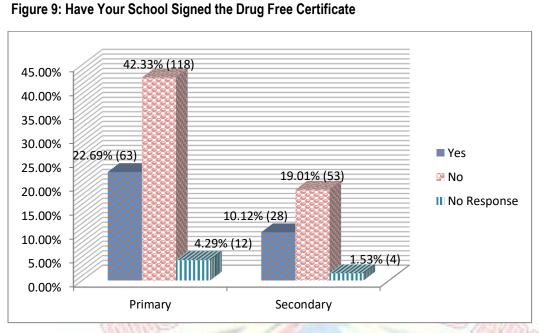


Details of the in- school activities that transpired in commemorating No Drugs Day (IDADAIT)

- Poster competitions
- Essay Competitions
- Presentation by officers from the Fiji Police Force
- Class/ Form based displays banners
- 🐠 We organized a Fun Run
- Quiz competitions
- Display of Blue and Red Ribbons
- Creation of Anti-Drug Pledge
- Oratory competitions
- March around the school compound
- Drama organized and presented to whole the school
- Book Mark competitions
- No Drugs Pledge signed by students
- School Assembly Students speech on NO DRUGS
- Make Hi5 Signs using Red/Blue crayons
- Poems in their native language
- We had representatives from the Health Department
- Bare tree Branch with Red Fingerprint
- Make Posters "SAY NO TO DRUGS"
- Students wore sunglasses "SHADE OUT DRUGS"
- Students wore boots "BOOT OUT DRUGS"
- Each child competed on age suitable activity from the activity pack
- Coloring competition
- Started collecting donations for the Golden Age Home
- Painting of Rubbish Bins
- Creation of DFS flags
- Presentation to the school by a local community
- The Principal Education Officer was present at the celebration and he delivered a speech to the teachers and to the students.
- The school sat under the big vaivai tree and participants came on stage to present speeches, drama, songs, dance and poems.
- School visits and presentations by NSAAC Officers.
- A banner hung in the school that said "KHALSA DRUG FREE DAY"
- Charts display around the school
- Invited guests from the Fiji Women Crisis Center

Specific Reasons why some schools did not organize any program for the No Drugs Day (IDADAIT)

- There was no drug case reported in the school last year
- The school does regularly speak to the students on drugs and substance abuse
- The school was not informed
- The day clashed with our Parents Day
- We were not aware of date for World No Drugs Day



NOTE:Of the 277 Evaluation Forms analyzed it is evident here that there is still a high percentage in both Primary and Secondary school that have yet to sign the "**Drug Free School**" (**DFS**) certificate. It is also important to note that a number of schools in both divisions have no idea of the DFS as shown by NO RESPONSE.

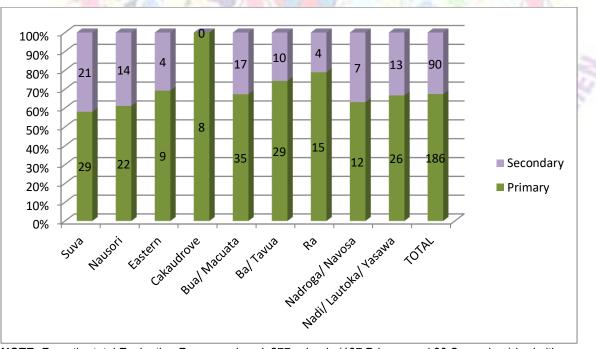


Figure 10: Schools With A Drug Committee or Coordinator

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NOTE: From the total Evaluation Forms analyzed, 277 schools (187 Primary and 90 Secondary) had either a Drug Coordinator or Committee in their respective schools.

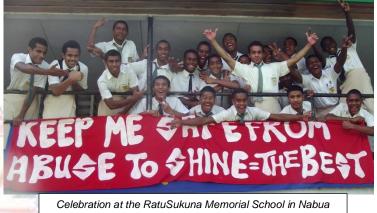
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Entertainment at the Ratu Alifereti, Finau Memorial School, Lau



Participant line up for the Korovuto College Fun Run in Nadi



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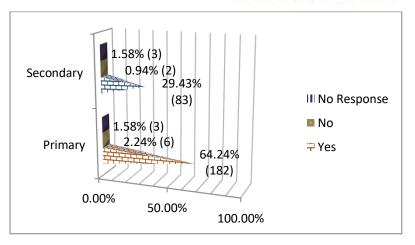


Celebration at the Tataiya Memorial School, Rakiraki.



Celebration at the Nawaqavesi Primary School, Ra

Figure 11: School Promoting Drug Free Environment



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NOTE: Of the 277 Evaluation Forms analyzed majority of the schools both in the Primary and Secondary division are promoting a "**Drug Free Environment**". The percentage is derived from the total number of primary school divided by the sum of both the Primary and Secondary division multiplied by 100.



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Celebration at the Delainakaikai Primary School, Tailevu



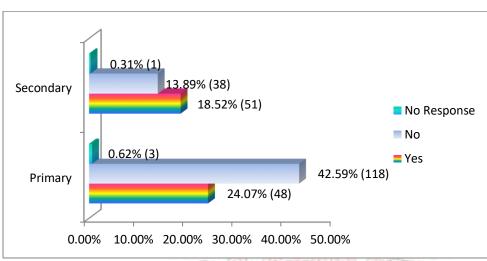
Speech by Contina Jasmine of Class 7

Celebration at NalovoSangamSchool ,Nadroga/ Navosa

Additional activities that schools have done to address the Drug Free School, HIV & AIDS and the Elimination of Child Abuse Program:

- TA Meetings, parents were informed on the schools stand on Drugs and Substance Abuse
- The Minister of Education Mr. Filipe Bole was also Chief Guest at celebrations in Vanua Levu schools
- Presentation to villagers so they understand that the school compound is drug free.
- Child Abuse awareness program to parents.
- Displayed posters and newspaper articles and notes from Internet
- Regular gender meetings
- We are doing our best this year to promote HIV AIDS, Elimination Against Child Abuse in our school assembly.
- A rep from the Fiji Women Crisis Center came to elaborate on "good" and "bad" touches.
- Presentation from Ministry of Health
- The school has developed a Behavioral Management Policy (BMP) which the parents are required to sign after discussion with teachers. The BMP plays a vital role towards reducing incidents of substance abuse and child abuse.
- The school invited the local Crime Prevention Committee members to speak to the children and community as a whole
- We had representatives from the Ministry of Labor to speak on to the students and teachers on Child Abuse.
- Trime Stoppers Awareness program by the school's Scholastic Crime Stoppers Unit
- Social Welfare Nadi representative conducted a Child Abuse Professional Development session with all teachers.
- We have had talks by Human Rights group on Child Protection Policy
- Sompile a Child Protection Policy where students will be disciplined severely on drugs abuse
- We have monthly meetings with upper level students; teachers talk to boys and girls separately
- We Our school is a Drug Free Environment; Alcohol, Tobacco and Yaqona are not allowed





NOTE: Of the 277 Evaluation Forms analyzed a great percentage (42.59%) in the Primary division have not had a teacher neither a student trained by NSAAC.

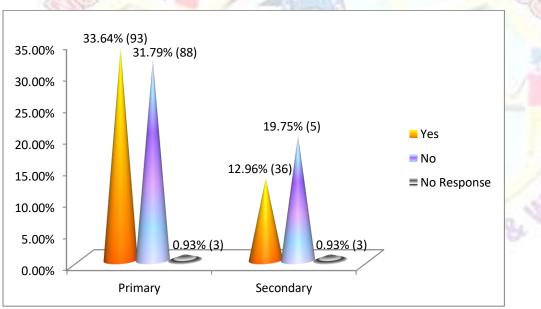


Figure 13: Schools With Drug Awareness Community Activities

NOTE: Of the 277 Evaluation Forms analyzed it is interesting to note that quite a significant number of teachers and students are actually taking the initiative of going out to the communities and speaking to parents, youths and village elders on the issues of Drugs and Substance Abuse, Child Abuse, HIV & AIDS and Violence Against Girls and Women.



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Students of Nakasi High School proudly display their IDADAIT banner



Students of Tagaqe District School, Sigatoka proudly display their IDADAIT banner

2012 School Activity in the Community

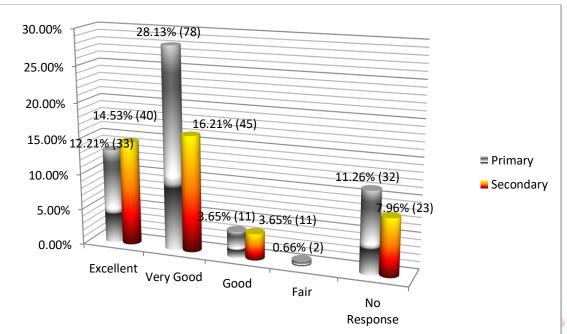
- Schildren marched through the neighborhood with their placards and called out anti-drug slogans
- While marching we also sang "I Love Hugs" song taught to us by Mrs. Malani.
- March through the villages, students shouting "Shade Out Drugs" and "Boot Out Drugs".
- School has invited officers from the Ministry of Health to speak to the community
- The school has developed a Behavioral Management Policy (BMP) which the parents are required to sign after discussion with teachers. The BMP plays a vital role towards reducing incidents of substance abuse and child abuse.
- The CAPS hosted by the school addressed the issue of health and wellbeing of the children and the community at large.
- A presentation was done in Church to all members of the congregation
- PTA meeting where parents were informed on the school's stand on drugs and substance abuse.
- A Fun Run was organized
- In our outreach program we went to five communities. Along with school issues discussed were: i. Parents should not ask children to buy smoke and grog
 - ii. Be aware of your children's friends
 - iii. Be considerate of the amount of time children take to walk to school and back, also whom they meet on the way.
- Marching through the village community (Bukuya) shouting out slogans and caring banners depicting the theme.
- Village Council meetings Yellow Ribbon Campaign by the Fiji Correction Services
- The school conducted an awareness program for the school committee to reduce the incidents of drug use, substance abuse and child abuse and informed them to relay the message to the villagers during their village meeting.
- We have organized community outreach, where we go settlement to settlement and talk to people about drugs, substance and child abuse
- The school is working with the Church advocating on the issues



Students Bulileka Sanatan College, Labasa with their Community Awareness program during the IDADAIT



Villagers of Ekubu and Taunovo present during the IDADAIT Celebration at the Vatulele District School



NOTE: Of the 277 Evaluation Forms analyzed majority of the Primary schools (28.13%) rated the IEC Yellow Booklet as Very Good while majority of the Secondary schools (16.21%) rated it as Excellent.

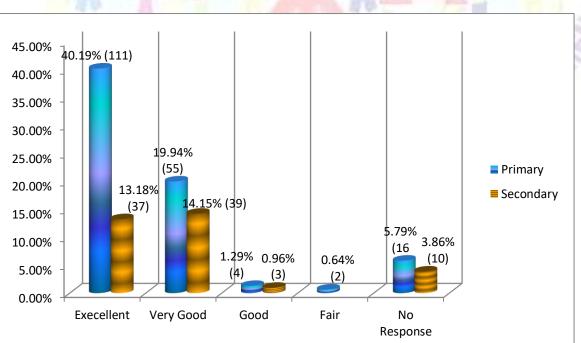
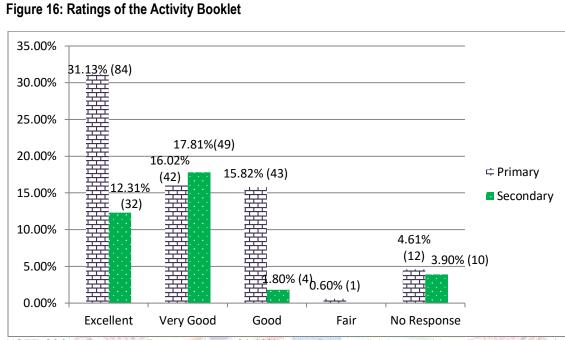


Figure 15: Ratings of the Supplement Booklet

Figure 14: Ratings of Drug Catalogue [IEC Yellow Booklet]

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NOTE: Of the 277 Evaluation Forms analyzed 40.19% of Primary schools rated the Supplement Booklet as Excellent while in the Secondary division 14.15% rated it as Very Good. For those schools that ticked No Response their excuse was either they did not receive the Supplement or they did receive the Circular but not the Supplement, which is impossible because all were packed in one envelope.



NOTE:Of 277 Evaluation Forms analyzed 31.13% in the Primary division rated it as Excellent while 17.82% of the Secondary Division rated it as Very Good. For those schools that ticked No Response their excuse was either they did not receive the Supplement or they did receive the Circular but not the Supplement, which is impossible because all were packed in one envelope.



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Students of Kioa Island School proudly display their banner during the IDADAIT celebration



"Tie Down Drugs"- IDADAIT Celebration at Swami Vivekanda College, Nadi

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Recommendation from Schools and Way Forward

- Celebration to be held in Clusters
- It is humbly requested that teachers of Nabau District School be trained by NSAAC.
- To have oratory, poetry and singing competitions either at Cluster, District, Division or National level. This will create more interest and awareness among the youths and community
- A formal book to be prepared by CDU as a Guide to all teachers in the schools.
- NSAAC to provide IEC material (Charts and posters)
- Send IEC materials to parents
- Random school visit by NSAAC team
- NSAAC to provide teachers with recognized training so that they can be better equipped in conducting awareness programmes.
- The NSAAC department should make other organisations aware of such programs so that upon invitation from the schools, the schools are not declined. It was hard to get a positive reply from the Health and Social Welfare department to attend the programs.
- Provision of videos for students to watch about drugs and their effects
- If somebody from the Drugs Department could come and address the students on how harmful drugs is to our bodies.
- If we can get funding to support our celebration.
- Some documentary videos on drug abuse can be sent to schools or it can be much cheaper if the same documentary can be played over the TV during Drug Awareness Week.
- If more information can be sent to schools via email (soft copies)
- Officers from St Giles to be present during the celebration
- We require if some funds could be made available to us for catering and preparing awards when this awareness programs is taken to the communities
- I recommend more training for school coordinators.
- Students to organize activities in association with other clubs or religious bodies which will enable participation from people of all walks of life
- All stakeholders to have celebration in the rural areas
- It will be really interesting if IDADAIT could provide schools with Certificates to be presented to students as winners of different organized competitions.
- If you can include some symptoms of hard drugs
- Activities suitable for each Classes
- Alcohol Bars, and Pubs should not be located near school and residential areas
- 🍩 Ban Casino in Fiji
- Talks for inmates to prepare them for rehabilitation
- Food For Thought: If most of us know that drugs are so harmful to humans then why does our country and provide opportunities to manufacture all these.
- If those teachers trained by NSAAC can remain with the school for more than a year, we had a problem of a teacher just after being trained by NSAAC had to be transferred to another school, and the sad part was that she got transferred before the IDADAIT celebration
- If we can be informed well in advance of the celebration.
- Allow more personal testimonies of Drug Survivors and Child Abuse for children to read
- Principals must allow the coordinator to prepare for the IDADAIT. On IDADAIT Day I had to go through immense trouble because I had less support from the Principal
- Please give the flag competition participants in advance. We received after the holidays and we could not participate.
- We want the NSAAC staff to visit us every Term
- Use the Media to educate the public not just for one day but for a week at least
- More awareness programs to be done in the villagers.
- If NSAAC can ensure that our invitations are not turned down at the last minute. We had invited the Police here in Korovou and while they had confirmed to be our Chief Guest they did not turn up on the day of the celebration without any prior notification, we were left disappointed.