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### **UNFPA'S PROJECT IMPROVES FAMILY LIFE IN FIJI**

#### **VIDEO**

FAMILY EATS (19")

#### **AUDIO**

#### **NARRATION**

Peace now prevails at the Rauvi's dining table. In the past, Sergeant Joni Rauvi often treated his family as if they were army recruits. This led to great friction at home. Now after attending a training course things have changed drastically, says Joni's wife, Frances Rauvi.

#### **RAUVI:**

RAUVI ON CAMERA (13")

"When he came back from the training, I can say that he is right on top. Spiritually, physically, and psychologically, and in our financial life, he is really upgrading..."

#### **NARRATION**

JONI AT SEMINAR (23")

A member of the Fijian Army, Joni participated in "Men as Partners", a project created by UNFPA, the UN Population Fund. Supported by the government of New Zealand, the project aims to teach men to have greater appreciation, acceptance, and support for their

#### **NARRATION**

female partners' needs, choices and rights, UNFPA's Luke Mataiciwa explains.

MATAICIWA:

MATAICIWA ON CAMERA  
(13")

"Promoting men's participation in reproductive health. This is very relevant to the Pacific where we have a patriarchal society where men are the decision makers."

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CROWDS (11")

Domestic violence is the most common form of assault in Fiji, a South Pacific nation. Many women spend their lives afraid that the man they should be able to trust will bash them.

WOMEN CRISIS CENTRE  
(11")

Supported by UNIFEM, the UN Fund for Women, the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre helps females who face domestic abuse and violence. Centre's Coordinator, Shamima Ali.

ALI:

ALI ON CAMERA (13")

"We did a national survey in domestic violence a few years back, and released the results two years ago and is showing that 68 percent of the women said that they have been beaten within their lifetime and that is a very high number."

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MILITARY (25")

The project targeted soldiers of the Fiji military forces. Training was done through workshops, seminars and meetings. Men in uniform are at

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increased risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections and being involved in gender and reproductive rights violations. The project is helping make the military service a force for social change. It has been a positive experience for those who attended the meetings.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
JACKSON EVANS (3")

Lieutenant Colonel Jackson Evans.

EVANS ON CAMERA (10")

EVANS:

"We thought that we knew certain things but this programme is revealing to us certain things that we never knew. I think that it only makes us better."

TUICORO (3")

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Warrant Officer, Sisa Tuicoro.

TUICORO ON CAMERA (4.5")

TUICORO:

"After that training I changed my attitude altogether."

SERGEANT RATUMAIYALE  
(3")

NARRATION

And Sergeant Mesu Ratumaiyale.

RATUMAIYALE ON CAMERA  
(9.5")

RATUMAIYALE:

"It taught me who I was, what I was. It taught what I wanted my Dad to teach me, and that is my manhood..."

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RUGBY (18")

The project is also targeting rugby players, dockworkers, and the police force. Changing attitudes, behaviour and creating awareness in men helps better communication, improves gender equality and leads to a healthier family life.

UN LOGO (10")

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