



## 5000 FIJIAN HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVE SEED PACKAGES



Seed distribution to homes in Suva as part of COVID-19 assistance.

A little over 5000 Fijian households have received the seed packages distributed by the Ministry of Agriculture since the exercise began early this month.

Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment, Hon. Dr. Mahendra Reddy had stated during the launch the seed packages would be delivered to the doors or gates of the homes of Fijians.

The Ministry is working in close collaboration with the Fiji Police Force Community Policing on this program and ensuring that strict COVID-19 protocols are followed by both the distributing teams and Fijians receiving the seed packages. This includes wearing masks, regularly sanitizing hands, and practicing social distancing.

The Minister had said, the initiative was for those who wanted to establish and re-establish their home gardens.

"Please stay home, we will visit you with your home gardening seeds," Dr Reddy had said.

The Team have so far distributed 3,700 seed packages in the Central containment areas of Lami, Suva, Nausori, and non-containment area of Korovou. 1,400 has been handed out in the Western Division to areas of Ra, Tavua, Ba, Lautoka and Nadi.

Dr. Reddy had also re-assured Fijians that the program would continue and if some had yet to receive theirs, '...not to worry, as we will not leave anyone behind.'

Seed distribution is continuing.



## VANUA LEVU HOUSEHOLDS LEARN CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE AND GIVEN SEEDLINGS FOR FOOD SECURITY



Five hundred households (500) in Vanua Levu were enlightened about climate smart agriculture before provided seedlings for their food security this week.

The training was made possible thanks to the collaboration between Live and Learn Fiji and Ministry of Agriculture.

The objective of the climate smart agriculture training was to teach farmers about food security sustainability. With the knowledge gained, farmers would have the skills of seed sowing and extraction.

The farmers were also trained to identify issues of agricultural development in the context of climate change and gender related issues.

The Ministry of Agriculture provided seeds for eggplant, tomatoes and chillies that were raised first by Live and Learn before it was handed out to farmers as seedlings ready to be planted for food security.

The households were also given agricultural toolkits including a knife, file, digging hoe and a post hole spade donated by the Australian Humanitarian and Partnership.

